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LETTER DATED 5 OCTOBER 1992 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to present to you the attached letter, dated 4 October 1992, from the President of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, H.E. Mr. Alija Izetbegovic.

May I ask for your kind assistance in circulating this letter as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Muhamed SACIRBEY
Ambassador
and Permanent Representative

Annex

Letter dated 4 October 1992 from the President of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina addressed to the President of the Security Council

Heavy bombardment of towns in Bosnia and Herzegovina continues. The aggressor carried out 35 sorties from the air base in Banja Luka on Friday, 2 October. The towns of Gradacac, Jajce, Bugojno, Bosanski Brod, Maglaj and Srebrenica were bombed.

Today, the aggressor carried out another 25 sorties from the same air base. The towns of Zenica, Tesanj, and once again, Gradacac, were bombed. Cluster bombs were used.

Excellency, the "no-fly zone" was one of the principal accords of the London Conference. All military flights over Bosnia and Herzegovina were banned. The Belgrade regime and its proxies in Bosnia and Herzegovina agreed to it. The Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the London Conference members accepted their pledge.

Regretfully, Excellency, this agreement, like almost all other proposed and/or accepted by the aggressor has been broken.

The London Conference, with the sponsorship of the United Nations, was created specifically to facilitate a peaceful solution to the crisis in the former Yugoslavia. This peaceful solution, however, can never come about if one side is permitted to consistently abandon its promises and agreements.

Furthermore, if the London Conference refuses to enforce the accords reached five weeks ago, it risks becoming a vehicle which does nothing more than give political legitimacy to war criminals in Bosnia and Herzegovina, and not a vehicle which would bring a peaceful end to this crisis.

Given that all the parties at the London Conference have agreed to the "no-fly zone", the member nations of the London Conference, through the Security Council, have an explicit responsibility to enforce the "no-fly zone" without delay.

(Signed) Alija IZETBEGOVIC